



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **SAKAI, Kenichiro**

Group Art Unit: **2623**

Serial No.: **09/475,991**

Examiner: **Jon Carlton Chang**

Filed: **December 30, 1999**

**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 7159**

**FOR: DOCUMENT IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, DOCUMENT IMAGE MERGING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM RECORDING A DOCUMENT IMAGE MERGING PROGRAM**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 25, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **May 18, 2005**, extended to **September 18, 2005** by a **one (1)** month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 22 of this paper.